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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION WITH ACTING FOREIGN

SECRETARY PETRIC: ALGIERS NONALIGNED CONSUL-

TATIVE MEETING AND SPECIAL SESSION UNGA

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S MARCH 27 CALL ON ACTING FONSEC, PETRIC REPORTED ON CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF NONALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU IN ALGIERS (AT WHICH HE HAD HEADED YUGOSLAV DELEGATION). PETRIC ASSUMED AMBASSADOR HAD READ BUREAU'S FINAL DOCUMENT AND THUS HE WOULD NOT HAVE TO COVER IN DETAIL, ALTHOUGH PREPARED TO ANSWER ANY QUERIES AMBASSADOR MIGHT HAVE. RE ATMOSPHERE AT ALGIERS, PETRIC SAID MEETING WAS PRIMARILY ECONOMIC IN NATURE RATHER THAN POLITICAL, ADDING HE WOULD BE FRANK WITH AMBASSADOR NOW AS HE HAD BEEN IN PAST:

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DIFFERENCES OF VIEW INITIALLY EXPRESSED IN ALGIERS HAD

BEEN SERIOUS, BUT IN END ALL MEMBERS AGREED ON NEED FOR COMMON ACTION TO NARROW GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS. THE FIRST DAY INDIA, NEPAL, SRI LANKA, TANZANIA, GUYANA, AND OTHERS ALL EXPRESSED VIGOROUSLY FACT THAT THEY HAD BEEN HURT BY RISE IN OIL PRICES. POSITION OF THIS GROUP WAS, IN EFFECT, THAT VASTLY INCREASED WEALTH OF OIL-PRODUCING NONALIGNEDS WAS RIGHTFULLY PROPERTY OF ENTIRE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT. THIS POSITION UNDERSTANDABLY CAUSED CONSTERNATION AMONG OIL-PRODUCING NONALIGNEDS. COMPROMISE WORKED OUT BY THIRD DAY WAS FUND OF SOLIDARITY, WHICH RESULTED FROM RECOGNITION ON PART OF WEALTHIER MEMBERS THAT POOR NONALIGNEDS NEEDED ASSISTANCE AND WERE ENTITLED TO SHARE OF THEIR PROFITS. SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS STILL TO BE DISCUSSED. YUGOSLAVIA WOULD DEFINITELY CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NOT WEALTHY COUNTRY. SPECIAL FUNDS SUCH AS THAT OF \$3 BILLION SET UP BY KUWAIT WERE SEPARATE FROM FUND OF SOLIDARITY AND, IN PETRIC'S VIEW, IT SEEMED LIKELY OTHER OIL-RICH COUNTRIES WOULD FOLLOW KUWAIT EXAMPLE BY ENDOWING SPECIAL FUNDS.

2. REFERRING TO PETRIC REMARKS ON FINAL DOCUMENT, AMBASSADOR DREW ATTENTION TO CERTAIN OFFENSIVE ANTI-AMERICAN LANGUAGE IN TEXT -- SUCH AS THAT ABOUT "IMPERIALIST POWERS, PARTICULARLY THE US" CONTINUING "AGGRESSION" IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD.--NOTING YUGOSLAVIA PLAYS LEADING NONALIGNED ROLE, AMBASSADOR SAID THIS IS PRECISELY SORT OF LANGUAGE WHICH IS NOT HELPFUL IF WE ARE TO BRING ABOUT IMPROVEMENT IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE NOTED NEGATIVELY IN WASHINGTON. PETRIC'S DEFENSE WAS TO REPEAT THAT MEETING HAD BEEN OVERWHELMINGLY ECONOMIC IN NATURE AND TO NOTE THAT POLITICAL LANGUAGE IN DOCUMENT WAS ESSENTIALLY REPETITION OF POSITIONS FROM 1973 ALGIERS SUMMIT, INCLUSION OF WHICH SHOULD BE REGARDED AS PRO FORMA BUT OMISSION OF WHICH MIGHT BE SEEN AS SIGNIFICANT POLICY CHANGE. HE COULD ASSURE US THERE HAD BEEN NO HARDENING OF POSITIONS AT LATEST ALGIERS MEETING. PETRIC POINTED OUT THERE HAD BEEN NO EMPHASIS HERE IN MEDIA OR IN HIS OWN AIRPORT RETURN STATEMENT ON POLITICAL STATEMENTS MADE IN FINAL DOCUMENT. HE BELIEVED THERE WOULD BE MINIMAL EMPHASIS ON POLITICAL STATEMENTS AT SPECIAL UNGA SESSION.

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3. TURNING TO UPCOMING UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, PETRIC SAID YUGOSLAV APPROACH WAS THAT FACT OF CHANGED ECONOMIC PROBLEMS HAD TO BE FACED SQUARELY, THAT NEW APPROACH REQUIRED FOR THEIR RESOLUTION, THAT RULES OF OLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM OUT-MODED AND NEEDED CHANGE. PETRIC WANTED AMBASSADOR TO KNOW OF CONCERN, ESPECIALLY ON PART POORER NONALIGNEDS, ABOUT DEGREE OF CONTROL OVER RAW MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT

AND PRICING EXERCISED BY LARGE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THEY WERE DETERMINED TO GAIN CONTROL OVER OWN RESOURCES, AND THIS CONCOMITANT REDUCTION OF POWER OF MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS WOULD BE PRINCIPAL FEATURE THEIR APPROACH TO SPECIAL SESSION.

4. GOY WANTED NO CONFRONTATION WITH US OR OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO TAKE PLACE AT SPECIAL SESSION, PETRIC CONTINUED. DEBATE SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE. YUGOSLAVS HAD DRAWN UP STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON SETTING UP NEW INSTITUTIONS WITH NEW GUIDELINES FOR DEALING WITH WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. YUGOSLAVS DID NOT, HOWEVER, INTEND TO INTERFERE WITH CURRENT HANDLING THESE PROBLEMS BY INTERNATIONAL BODIES BUT LATTER NEEDED NEW GUIDELINES AND CHANGED FRAME OF REFERENCE. IN ADVANCE OF SESSION YUGOSLAVS WANTED FULLEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATION WITH NON-ALIGNED PARTNERS AND WITH DEVELOPED NATIONS. PETRIC HIMSELF IS TO GO TO FRG APRIL 1 FOR TALKS WITH STATE SECRETARY FRANK AS WELL AS OFFICIALS OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCE MINISTRIES. HE COMMENTED SOVIET
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